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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application of:)
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 For: FORMWORK FOR CYLINDRICAL COLUMNS)
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 PCT Application No.: PCT/ES00/00496)
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 PCT Filing Date: December 28, 2000)

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 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This communication includes a preliminary amendment to be entered upon filing of this national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

AMENDMENT**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 7 and 8.

Please add new claims 9-22 as follows:

- - 9. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 1, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.

10. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 2, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.

11. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 3, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.

12. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 4, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.

13. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 5, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.

14. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 6, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.

15. Formwork for columns according to claim 1, characterized in that said self-adhesive tape (14) consists in a support (15) made of a sheet of paper or the like, including in one of its sides a layer (16) of self-adhesive glue wherein the glass fibre threads (17) are embedded.

16. Formwork for columns according to claim 2, characterized in that said self-adhesive tape (14) consists in a support (15) made of a sheet of paper or the like, including in one of its sides a layer (16) of self-adhesive glue wherein the glass fibre threads (17) are embedded.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain in this application, and new claims 9-22 have been added. Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled. The amendment is merely a matter of form, and is for the sole purpose of eliminating unnecessary multiple dependent claims and adding regular dependent claims in their place for convenience in reviewing the claims and reducing the filing fee. The amendment is not for any purpose related to patentability. Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment be entered into the file upon filing of this national stage application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the Claims:**

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14. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 6, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads

